## State of Colorado

Determinations of Eligibility by the Colorado County Departments of Social Services

The Colorado County Departments of Social Services are the agencies designated to make the determination of Medicaid eligibility for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. The staff designated to make such determinations are the eligibility technicians hired by the Colorado County Departments of Social Services to perform eligibility for Colorado State Medicaid programs.

An individual obtains Medicaid coverage by establishing eligibility under a particular Medicaid program eligibility category. A Colorado resident makes application at the local County Department of Social Services (or at a health care provider that offers an "outstationing" eligibility site), and a county eligibility technician verifies and processes the application using criteria established in state and federal rules that is handed down in policy by the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

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